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Murthy et al.

Application No.: 10/731,269

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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING
TRANSISTOR PERFORMANCE
THROUGH REDUCING THE SALICIDE
INTERFACE RESISTANCE

Examiner: David Nhu

Art Unit: 2818



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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks for the above referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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